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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Yoshiumi HAMADA : Art Unit: 1772
Serial No.: 10/759,233 : Examiner: C. Bruenjes
Filed: January 20, 2004 :
For: A UNIT FORMING A STOCKING- :
LIKE LAYER ON STOCKING-LESS :
LEGS :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


This is in response to the restriction requirement of the November 3, 2005 Office
Action.

In the Action, the claims are restricted to Group I, including claims 1-12 and 22-25
directed to the article, and Group II, including claims 13-21 directed to the method of using
the article. In response, Applicants provisionally elect the Group I claims, including claims
1-12 and 22-25.

Applicants traverse the restriction and submit that the claims are sufficiently related to
be examined together. The method and product claims both recite the composition and
structure. Therefore, the claims are sufficiently related to be examined together.

Prompt and favorable examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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